Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A personal information system, comprising:

a subscriber computer with an optical disk drive;

a portable optical disk readable by the optical disk drive;

a database management server comprising a database including personal data relating to a patient and an optical disk writer wherein the optical disk writer writes the personal data to the portable optical disk, said personal data being viewable and downloadable by the subscriber computer; and

a subscriber interface comprising an Internet web browser wherein the Internet browser interacts with the subscriber computer so as to allow viewing of personal data on the portable optical disk and wherein the Internet browser interacts with the database management server so as to allow updating, by the patient, of the personal data stored on the database management server.

Claim 2 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the personal data to be stored on the portable optical disk is selectable using the subscriber interface.

Claim 3 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the personal data is transferred between the subscriber computer and the database management server in an HIPAA-compliant mode.

Claim 4 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the transfer of personal data between the subscriber computer and the database management server can be initiated by either the subscriber computer or the database management server said data transfer occurring either in a real-time mode or a batch mode.

Claim 5 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the personal data comprises text, image, audio, and video data.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of maintaining personal data relating to a patient on a portable optical disk, the method comprising:

entering personal data into onto a database management server having an optical disk writer wherein the personal data is stored in the database management server in a uniformly accessible manner and wherein the personal data residing on the database management server can be updated by the patient using an Internet web browser interface;

writing the personal data onto a portable optical disk via the optical disk writer wherein the portable optical disk is readable from an optical disk drive using the Internet web browser interface; and

delivering the portable optical disk to a subscriber. the patient.

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method as defined in Claim 6, wherein the personal data to be updated is selectable by the subscriber. patient.

Claim 9 (original): The method as defined in Claim 6, wherein entering, writing, and updating the personal data are in an HIPAA-compliant mode.

Claim 10 (original): The method as defined in Claim 6, further comprising using the portable optical disk at any healthcare service center to prevent repetitious registration process at different healthcare service center sites.

Claim 11 (original): The method as defined in Claim 6, wherein the portable optical disk is created at the health care service center site.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A system for maintaining personal data relating to a patient, the system comprising:

entering means for entering personal data;

storing means for storing the personal data in a uniformly accessible manner;

accessing means for accessing the stored personal data wherein the accessing means comprises a PC with an optical disk drive and an Internet web browser that interacts with the storing means so as to allow viewing of the stored personal data;

transferring means for transferring the stored personal data between the entering means and the storing means in a secure mode; and

updating means for updating the stored personal data wherein the updating means comprises a database management server that interacts with the Internet web browser so as to allow updating of the stored personal data by the patient.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A portable optical disk comprising personal data relating to a patient, wherein:

the personal data is stored in a uniformly accessible manner, wherein said personal data and comprises demographics, medical data, living will, power of attorney, and conditions of admission in formats including text, images, audio, and video;

wherein the portable optical disk is readable from an optical disk drive using an Internet web browser interface; and

wherein said personal data is updateable by the patient from a database management server using the Internet web browser.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A personal data management system comprising:

a portable optical disk comprising personal data stored in a uniformly accessible manner wherein the personal data includes demographics, medical

data, living will, power of attorney, and conditions of admissions <u>relating to a patient</u> in formats including text, images, audio, and video and wherein the portable optical disk is readable from an optical disk drive using an Internet web browser; and

a database management server comprising an optical disk writer and a database wherein the database comprises the personal data to be written to the portable optical disk using the optical disk writer and wherein the personal data stored on the database management server is updateable <u>by the patient</u> via the Internet web browser.